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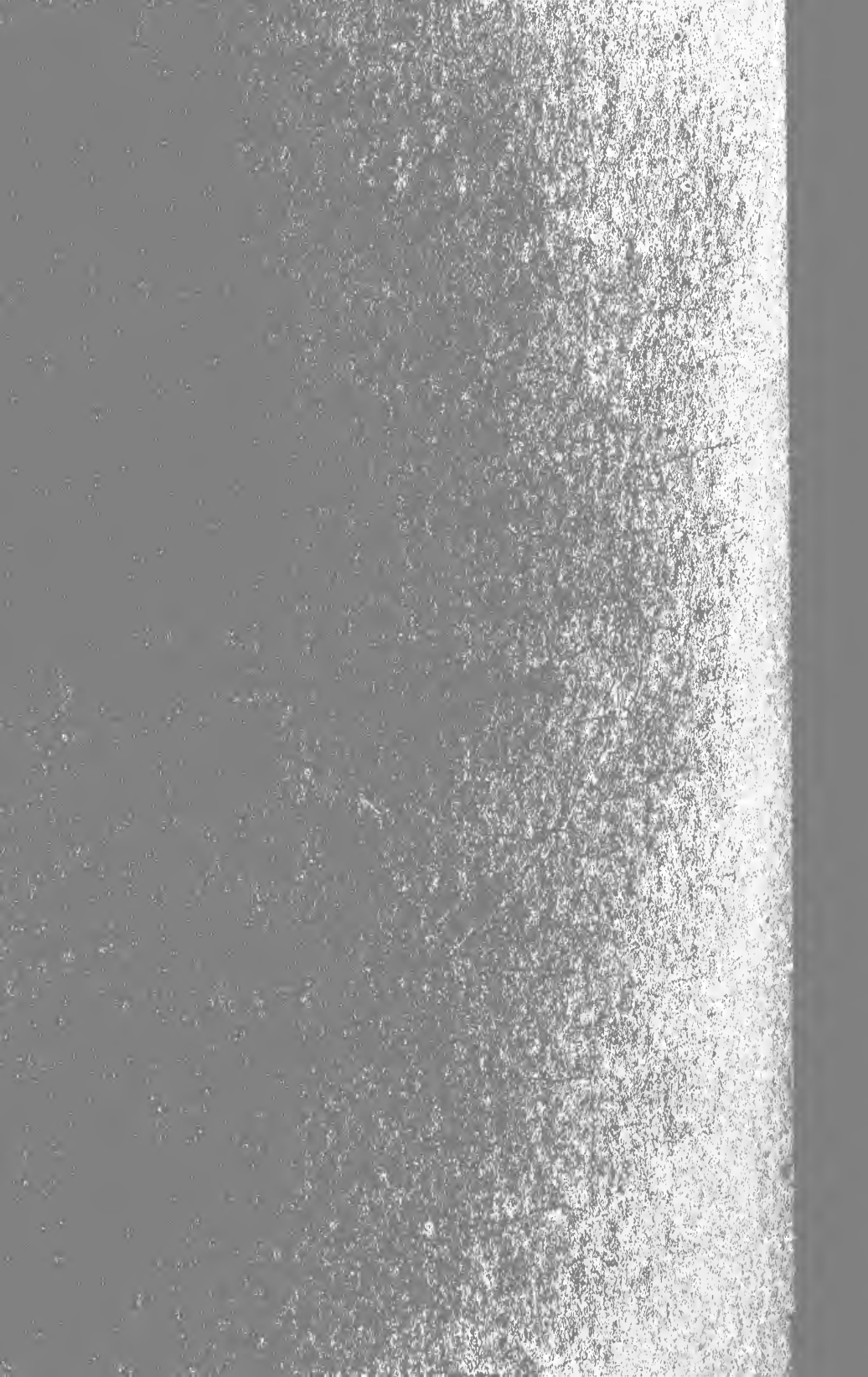
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## INTRODUCTORY NOTE

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In the very brief statement here offered an attempt has been made to exhibit in definite, tangible form some of the results of the educational campaigns which have been conducted in the Southern States during the last six years, and to which the Southern Education Board has contributed funds. The results here exhibited did not all spring directly and solely from these contributions; but an effort has been made to exclude every result which these contributions have not shared in effecting. It should be said, furthermore, that the largest, the most important result of these campaigns and of the contributions that have made them possible is an aroused and enlightened public sentiment in the interest of better educational opportunities for all the people. This result resists every effort at tabulation or tangible exhibit; but it is none the less real; it is organic, all pervading, and will continue for years to come to express itself in better laws, more adequate funds, more effective educational organization and activities. The statement here offered as an exhibit of returns on the Board's educational investment is very conservative.

WICKLIFFE ROSE,

*Executive Secretary.*





## ALABAMA

1. Educational campaigns:	
<i>a.</i> Conducted from 1905 to 1910.	
<i>b.</i> Contributed by Southern Education Board.....	\$8,495.22
2. Purposes of educational campaigns:	
<i>a.</i> School improvement.	
<i>b.</i> To secure levy of 1 mill county tax.	
<i>c.</i> To secure State aid to communities for building and repairing local school-houses.	
3. Results of educational campaigns:	
<i>a.</i> Raised by school improvement associations during 5 years (estimated)....	100,000.00
<i>b.</i> 43 of 67 counties of the State levy 1 mill school tax.	
<i>c.</i> Raised from this source.....	3,434,371.50
<i>d.</i> Law allowing State aid to communities for building and repairing rural school-houses, effective since March, 1907.	
<i>e.</i> Total number of houses repaired and built since passage of bill.....	1,041.
<i>f.</i> Expended for this purpose.....	500,000.00
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Total amount raised as result of campaigns for period.....	\$4,034,371.50

## ARKANSAS

1. Educational campaigns:
  - a. Conducted from 1908 to 1910.
  - b. Contributed by Southern Education Board to May, 1911, for school improvement and campaign..... \$4,721.45
  - For Arkansas Education Commission..... 4,083.32

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Total..... \$8,804.77
2. Purposes of educational campaigns:
  - a. To create sentiment and organize school improvement leagues for the improvement of public schools.
  - b. To increase school revenues.
  - c. To create sentiment for practical education.
  - d. To secure the enactment of measures recommended by the education commission.
3. Results of educational campaigns:
  - a. In general:
    - (a) 12,000 patrons organized into school improvement leagues.
    - (b) Equipment and sanitary condition of schools greatly improved.
  - b. In legislation:
    - (a) Compulsory attendance laws enacted for about half the counties in the State (1909).
    - (b) Four district agricultural schools established (1909).
    - \*(c) Law creating State Board of Education and giving it large administrative powers (1911).
    - \*(d) Law authorizing consolidation of weak schools and transportation of pupils (1911).

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\*These measures were recommended by the Arkansas Education Commission.

\*(e) Law granting State aid to high schools, \$50,000 a year (1911).

\*(f) Law extending compulsory attendance to twenty additional counties (1911).

4. Results in new or increased revenues:

	1907.	1910.	Increase.	Total increase for period.
a. State revenue .....	\$706,711.79	\$1,199,329.78	\$492,617.99	\$811,685.05
b. Local revenue .....	1,721,413.78	2,209,159.91	487,746.13	1,155,694.41
c. Raised by school improvement leagues.....	.....	104,857.87	104,857.87	104,857.87
d. Annual State appropriation to high schools (1911 first appropriation).....	.....	.....	50,000.00	50,000.00
Total amount raised as result of campaigns for period.....	.....	.....	.....	\$2,122,237.33

\*These measures were recommended by the Arkansas Education Commission.

## FLORIDA

1. Educational campaigns:
  - a. Conducted from October 1, 1909, to February 16, 1910.
  - b. Expended for campaign purposes..... \$2,600.00
2. Purposes of educational campaign:
  - a. Local taxation.
  - b. School improvement.
3. Results of campaign:
  - a. Number of counties assessing maximum constitutional levy of 7 mills increased from 19 to 47.
  - b. Fund derived from increased levy..... 425,000.00
  - c. Fund raised for high school buildings.... 280,000.00
  - d. 150 school improvement associations organized. Amount raised by 40 of these 24,000.00

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Total amount raised as result of campaign..... \$729,000.00

## GEORGIA

1. Educational campaigns :
  - a.* Conducted from 1904 to 1910.
  - b.* Contributed by the Southern Education Board..... \$17,500.00
2. Purposes of educational campaigns :
  - a.* For local tax amendments to constitution.
  - b.* Raise funds to locate and erect buildings for 11 district agricultural schools.
  - c.* Constitution recognizing high schools and permitting counties and districts to maintain high school grades.
  - d.* More liberal legislation, local taxation and general school improvement.
3. Results of educational campaigns :
  - a.* In legislation :
    - (*a*) Constitutional amendment permitting county or school district to vote a local tax. Adopted 1904.\*
    - (*b*) More liberal local tax law adopted 1905.
    - (*c*) 11 district agricultural schools established 1907.
    - (*d*) Constitutional amendment permitting State aid to rural high schools 1910.

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\*Before this no county or district had voted a tax for schools. Twenty-four counties, 422 tax districts, and numerous towns are now operating under this amendment.

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## b. In new or increased revenues:

	1904.	1910.	Increase.	Total increase for period.
(u) Raised from local tax.....	\$660,720.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$839,280.00	\$3,558,406.00
(b) Other funds and fees.....	144,589.00	700,000.00	555,411.00	1,684,551.00
(c) State appropriation for rural schools.....	1,538,955.00	2,500,000.00	961,045.00	961,045.00
(d) Amount contributed to secure location of 11 district agricultural schools.....	.....	800,000.00	800,000.00	800,000.00
(e) State appropriation for district agricultural schools..	.....	215,000.00	215,000.00	215,000.00
(f) Total funds raised from local taxes from 1904 to 1910.....	.....	8,483,446.00	.....	8,483,446.00
Total increase in funds as result of campaigns for period.....	.....	.....	.....	\$15,702,448.00

## KENTUCKY

1. Educational campaigns:
    - a. Two campaigns conducted 1908-1909.
    - b. Contributed by Southern Education Board..... \$5,000.00
  2. Purposes of educational campaigns:
    - a. Campaign of 1908 was conducted in support of the county system of school administration which had gone into effect March of that year, the purpose being to forestall opposition and thereby prevent repeal of the law.
    - b. To secure the establishing of county high schools which had just been provided for by State law.
    - c. Main purpose of the campaign was to secure increase of revenues by local taxation which had been authorized by recent enactment.
  3. Results of the two campaigns:
    - a. County system of school administration reinforced.
    - b. The establishing of county high schools increased.
    - c. Increase in revenues:
 

(a) All local taxes raised in 1909....	\$532,521.00
(b) All local taxes raised in 1910....	750,000.00
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- Total amount raised as result of  
campaign for two years..... \$1,282,521.00

## LOUISIANA

1. Educational campaigns:
  - a. Conducted 1906 to 1910.
  - b. Amount contributed by the Southern Education Board..... \$9,555.22
2. Purposes of educational campaigns:
  - a. Increase school tax levy.
  - b. School improvement.
3. Results of educational campaigns:

	1906.	1910.	Increase.	Total increase for period.
a. Police jury appropriation.....	\$416,030.06	\$686,663.11	\$270,633.05	\$578,329.40
b. Town council appropriation.....	713,570.54	843,265.34	129,694.80	298,714.62
c. Special taxes collected.....	252,206.81	703,032.87	450,826.06	1,139,197.38
d. Raised by school improvement leagues.....	.....	10,950.07	10,950.07	10,950.07
Total increase in funds as results of campaigns for period.....				\$2,027,191.47



## MISSISSIPPI

1. Educational campaigns:	
a. Conducted from 1905 to 1910.	
b. Amount contributed by Southern Education Board.....	\$6,250.00
2. Purposes of educational campaigns:	
a. To increase local taxation.	
b. School improvement.	
3. Results of campaigns:	
a. "Educational sentiment, the value of which cannot be estimated in dollars and cents."	
b. Amount derived from local county levy, 1909.....	\$287,272.11
c. Amount estimated from same source, 1910.....	340,000.00
d. Total for two years.....	627,272.11*
e. Raised by local associations for school improvement from September 1, 1909, to November 9, 1910.....	75,000.00
f. Money donated in prizes.....	200.00
g. Contribution by Mr. Thomas.....	700.00
h. Estimated labor donated.....	15,000.00
i. Total amount for school improvement...	90,000.00
Total raised as result of campaign for two years.....	\$717,272.11

\*"Before any money was appropriated for local tax campaign work in this State, no money was raised for school purposes by local taxation, except in the towns and cities."—Supt. J. N. POWERS.



## NORTH CAROLINA

1. Educational campaigns :
  - a. Conducted from 1904 to 1910.
  - b. Expended for campaign purposes for period. \$15,877.77
2. Purposes of educational campaigns :
  - a. Increase in local taxation.
3. Results of educational campaigns :

	1904.	1910.	Increase.	Total increase for period.
a. Funds raised by local tax.....	\$335,875.65	\$377,799.91	\$41,924.26	\$1,664,816.06
b. Appropriations to State educational institutions.....	225,000.00	444,000.00	219,000.00	219,000.00
Total increase in funds as result of campaigns for period.....				\$1,883,816.06

"These increases in the general school fund and in the special appropriations for the higher educational institutions were, in a large measure, the result of enlightened public sentiment and public demand; and in the creation of these educational campaigns, the Campaign Fund furnished by the Southern Education Board, was a most potent factor."—Superintendent J. Y. JOYNER.

## SOUTH CAROLINA

1. Educational campaigns:
  - a. Conducted from 1905 to 1910.
  - b. Contributed by the Southern Education Board..... \$9,000.00
2. Purposes of educational campaigns:
  - a. To encourage local tax levies.
  - b. To launch a movement looking to the consolidation of rural districts.
  - c. To increase the enrollment and attendance in all schools.
  - d. To build better school-houses.
  - e. To employ better teachers at better salaries.
3. Results of educational campaigns:
  - a. Law increasing the maximum mill tax rate from 4 mills to 8 mills.
  - b. Law encouraging consolidation of small schools by creating a State building fund and offering a bonus from this fund to schools that have consolidated.
  - c. School districts levying local tax 1905..... 389  
     "      "      "      "      "      1910..... 835  
     Increase in number of districts levying local tax 1905 to 1910..... 446
  - d. In 1910 the average salary for white men teachers increased \$59.67; for white women teachers, \$9.13; for negro women teachers, \$2.89; for negro men teachers, practically no increase.

## 4. Results in new or increased revenues:

	1905.	1910.	Increase.	Total increase for period.
a. Revenue from local school tax levy.....	\$236,109.00	\$494,666.05	\$258,557.05	\$759,778.05
b. State appropriation in aid of school extension (1909 first appropriation) .....	*20,000.00	60,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00
c. State aid to high schools (1907 first appropriation) .....	*50,000.00	60,000.00	10,000.00	220,000.00
d. Bonds issued for buildings (1906 first issue) .....	*81,500.00	309,200.00	227,700.00	730,700.00
Total amount raised as result of campaigns for period.....				\$1,790,478.05

\* Appropriations made not in 1905, but in 1909, 1907, and 1906, respectively.

## TENNESSEE

## I. Educational campaigns:

1. Conducted from 1904 to 1910.

2. Contributed by Southern Education Board \$11,592.12

II. Purposes and results of educational campaigns  
by periods.

1. Preliminary campaign 1902-1903.

a. Purpose:

(1) To increase general interest in education.

b. Results:

(1) Act appropriating surplus in State treasury to common schools. (In 1905 this surplus amounted to about \$497,500.)

(2) Appropriated to University of Tennessee..... 12,500.00

2. Campaigns of 1904-1905.

a. Purpose:

(1) To arouse general interest in education and specifically to increase county and city levies for schools.

b. Result:

(2) Appropriation to the University.... 25,000.00

3. Campaigns 1906-1907.

a. Purposes:

(1) A State appropriation of 75 cents per capita for each child of school age.

(2) An annual appropriation of \$50,000 to be paid on a scholastic per capita basis to such counties as will levy a tax of 40 cents on the hundred dollars and \$2 on the poll.

(3) An annual appropriation of \$25,000 for high schools.

- (4) An annual appropriation of \$5,000 for school libraries.
- (5) An annual appropriation of \$75,000 for the establishment and support of three normal schools.
- (6) An annual appropriation of \$50,000 to the State University.

*b. Results:*

- (1) Seventy-five cents per capita for common schools.
- (2) \$50,000 annually for counties levying for schools 40 cents on the hundred dollars and \$2 on the poll.
- (3) \$100,000 to the University for the biennial period.
- (4) \$40,000 for the establishment of an agricultural and horticultural experiment station in West Tennessee.
- (5) County Board Law enacted substituting County Boards of Education for District Boards.

4. Campaigns of 1907, 1908, and 1909.

*a. Purposes:*

- (1) To increase school levies in counties and cities.
- (2) To secure better support for high schools.
- (3) To improve school-houses and grounds.
- (4) Main purpose to secure passage of General Education Bill and the enactment of compulsory attendance law.

*b. Results:*

- (1) Large increase in city and county levies.

- (2) Rapid increase in high school development.
- (3) Enactment of General Education Bill (1909) giving 25 per cent of the revenues of the State to public education, apportioned as follows: 61 per cent directly to the common schools on a per capita basis; 10 per cent to the counties levying for schools 40 cents on the hundred dollars and \$2 on the poll, and to these counties in proportion to scholastic population and in inverse ratio to taxable property to scholastic population (after the beginning of 1911 the State duplicates the salary of county superintendent up to \$350, the money for this being taken from this 10 per cent fund); 1 per cent for school libraries; 8 per cent for public high schools; 13 per cent for the establishment and maintenance of normal schools; 7 per cent for the University of Tennessee. The total fund amounts to about \$900,000 a year. The Legislature also passed compulsory school attendance laws applying to one-third the counties of the State, and passed a bill authorizing counties and cities to issue bonds for buildings and equipment of the State normal schools. Money, land, and equipment have been given for this purpose to the extent of \$975,000.

## 5. Campaigns of 1909-1910.

## a. Purposes:

- (1) The increase of appropriations for public education from 25 per cent to 33  $\frac{1}{3}$  per cent of the revenues of the State.
- (2) A general act enabling county courts to issue bonds for buildings, equipment, and repair of public school buildings.
- (3) A general revision and codification of the school laws of the State.
- (4) Extension of compulsory school attendance laws of the State.

## b. Results:

- (1) Law enabling county courts to issue bonds for building, maintaining, and equipping school-houses.
- (2) Law extending compulsory attendance to a larger number of counties.

NOTE.—Failure of expected educational legislation due to abnormal political conditions, which disrupted the Legislature.

## III. Summary of increase of revenues as results of campaigns:

Value of school property in 1902.....	\$4,179,124
“ “ “ “ “ 1910.....	9,150,301
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Increase in value of school property.....	\$4,971,177
(Most of this attributed to campaigns.)	
Direct State appropriations to common schools since legislation of 1903.....	\$3,019,037
Direct State appropriations to public high schools.....	150,000



State appropriations to libraries.....	\$19,000
State appropriations to normal schools.....	208,000
City and county appropriations to normal schools.....	975,000
State appropriations to University.....	389,500
Estimated one-half increase in value of school property due to campaigns.....	2,485,588
Total State appropriations due to campaigns.	7,246,125
Income of public schools from local taxation in 1902.....	\$1,747,726
Income of public schools from local taxation in 1910.....	3,737,837
Annual increase.....	1,990,111
Total increase in local taxation since January 1, 1904.....	8,524,718
Total increase in income from January 1, 1904, to June 30, 1910, mostly because of campaigns .....	\$15,770,843

## VIRGINIA

1. Educational campaigns:
  - a. Conducted from 1903 to 1909.
  - b. Contributed by Southern Education Board. \$20,722.71
2. Purposes of campaigns:
  - a. To increase State, county, and local school funds.
  - b. To secure State aid for high schools.
  - c. To secure better supervision and better teaching in the country schools.
  - d. To adapt the country school to the needs of country life.
  - e. To secure libraries, better buildings, and better sanitation for country schools.
3. Results of educational campaigns:
  - a. In legislation:
    - (a) Law permitting local school boards to borrow from State Literary Fund one-half of cost of school buildings.
    - (b) Law giving State aid to accredited elementary schools.
    - (c) Law giving State aid to high schools.
    - (d) Law requiring county and city superintendents to give their whole time to duties of the office and providing adequate salaries for these officers.
    - (e) Regulation placing examination of teachers in the hands of the State Board of Examiners.
    - (f) Law providing for establishment of agricultural high schools in each congressional district.
    - (g) Law providing for the establishment of 20 normal training classes in high schools.

- (*h*) Law establishing school libraries.
- (*i*) Law providing for demonstration farm work throughout the State. School officials co-operate with Agricultural College, U. S. Department of Agriculture, and State Department of Agriculture.
- (*j*) Law requiring proper facilities for heating, lighting, and ventilating all new school buildings.
- (*k*) Law increasing the power of the State Board of Health to provide adequate sanitary arrangements within and around school buildings.

## b. Results in increase of school funds:

	1904.	1909.	Increase.	Total increase for period.
(a) State school and capitation tax.....	\$844,091.95	\$1,040,098.18	\$196,006.23	\$548,868.93
(b) Cash appropriated by General Assembly.....	200,000.00	455,000.00	255,000.00	655,000.00
(c) State high school appropriation (first appropriation 1907, \$50,000) .....	.....	100,000.00	100,000.00	200,000.00
(d) State appropriations for school libraries.....	.....	2,500.00	2,500.00	10,000.00
(e) State appropriation for salary and expenses of Supt. of Public Instruction.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
(f) County funds .....	2,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00	5,582.14
(g) District funds .....	378,351.23	572,213.52	193,862.29	468,364.56
(h) Other local funds .....	306,440.45	656,254.46	349,814.01	1,019,912.91
(i) City funds .....	98,527.50	417,845.25	328,317.75	744,583.84
(j) Annual State appropriation for teachers' training classes in high schools (recent).....	379,407.53	1,046,002.79	666,595.26	1,582,017.22
(k) Annual appropriation for agriculture in high schools (recent).....	.....	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
(l) State appropriations for teachers' pensions (recent).....	.....	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Total increase in funds as result of campaigns for period.....	.....	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
				\$5,274,329.60

SUMMARY OF FUNDS RAISED AS RESULT OF EDUCATIONAL  
CAMPAIGNS FOR THE FIVE YEAR PERIOD

Alabama .....	\$4,034,371.50
Arkansas .....	2,122,237.33
Florida .....	729,000.00
Georgia .....	15,702,448.00
Kentucky .....	1,282,521.00
Louisiana .....	2,027,191.47
Mississippi .....	717,272.11
North Carolina.....	1,883,816.06
South Carolina.....	1,790,478.05
Tennessee .....	15,770,843.00
Virginia .....	5,274,329.60

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Total for 11 States..... \$51,334,508.12

INCREASE IN ANNUAL EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS DURING  
NINE YEAR PERIOD

*Total Expenditure for Schools*

State.	1900.	1909.	Increase.
Alabama .....	\$923,464	\$2,498,708	\$1,575,244
Arkansas .....	1,369,810	3,110,165	1,740,355
Florida .....	765,777	1,714,938	949,161
Georgia .....	1,980,016	4,005,325	2,025,309
Kentucky .....	3,037,908	4,850,189	1,812,281
Louisiana .....	1,135,125	3,607,295	2,472,170
Mississippi .....	1,385,112	2,674,648	1,289,536
North Carolina.....	950,317	2,993,045	2,042,728
South Carolina.....	894,004	1,095,236	201,232
Tennessee .....	1,751,047	3,404,555	1,653,508
Virginia .....	1,985,238	4,393,562	2,408,324

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Total increase for 11 States..... \$18,169,848

This means that these eleven States are spending in round numbers \$18,000,000 more each year for public schools than they were spending in 1900. The educational campaigns have been an important factor in bringing about this result. To aid in maintaining these campaigns the Southern Education Board has expended from \$30,000 to \$40,000 a year during this period.













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